

Draft lines for NCR caucus

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General (short)

- The past week has been very difficult for many Ottawa residents, and they're entitled to expect that the law is upheld.
- We're there to support the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Police with RCMP additional officers and other resources.
- We'll continue to do whatever we can do ensure Ottawans feel safe in their community.
- It is time for this blockade to end, and for residents to get their lives back.

General (longer)

- Peaceful protests don't make people scared to leave their homes, and the past week has been very difficult for many Ottawa residents. The community is entitled to expect that the law is upheld and enforced by police.
- Since the beginning, the federal government - including the RCMP and an array of other public safety partners - have been supporting the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service, who are the police of jurisdiction.
- Most notably, the RCMP recently agreed to send additional officers at the request of the City, and continue to work closely with them and stand ready to provide additional resources and assistance as needed.
- Ottawans deserve to feel safe in their community, and it is time for the convoy to leave.

Specifically on federal support:

- Over the past week and a half, the federal government - including the RCMP and an array of other public safety partners - have been supporting the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service (who are the police of jurisdiction) in responding to the blockades in downtown Ottawa.
- This includes:
 - o additional RCMP officers;

- o tactical and logistical support;
 - o close coordination among all law enforcement agencies.
- It is important to underline that these are operational decisions taken by the police, independent of the government. Politicians don't direct policing operations in Canada.
- Federal public safety partners continue to work closely with the City and OPS to ensure that laws are upheld, public safety is maintained and Ottawans feel safe in their community.

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